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THAT PARCHED GROUND WHICH BEFORE THE HOLOCAUST HAD PERHAPS BEEN COVERED WITH A SOFT GREEN BLANKET...
I CAN'T STAND THIS HELLISH HEAT MUCH LONGER!
ALTHOUGH A BIT GLOOMY, IT MIGHT BE A GOOD PLACE TO REST.

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WATER ! THIS IS MORE THAN I'D HOPED FOR !
AFTER AN EXHAUSTING JOURNEY A SWIM IS GOING TO BE REFRESHING .
DELICIOUS !

WHAT AWAITED AXA WHEN SHE CAME UP TO THE SURFACE WAS HARDLY DELICIOUS!
Romero
A GIANT TOAD... AND IN THE WATER I'M AT A DISADVANTAGE!
IT LOOKS AS SURPRISED AS I AM... I MIGHT HAVE ENOUGH TIME!
NOW THE SITUATION HAS EVENED OUT!
YOU'RE GOING TO BE SORRY YOU INTERRUPTED MY SWIM!

MY STEEL IS MORE UNDESIRABLE THAN MY BODY! DON'T YOU AGREE?
I THINK IT'LL BE A LONG TIME BEFORE I FEEL LIKE DIVING IN AGAIN.
I'LL HAVE TO BE MORE CAREFUL.
I'LL WAIT FOR IT TO GET DARK WHEN THE OUTSIDE TEMPERATURE DROPS...
WHILE I TAKE A LOOK AROUND TO FIND OUT WHAT THIS PLACE WAS LIKE IN THE PAST.
ROMERO

WITHOUT A DOUBT, THIS WAS A TEMPLE IN ANCIENT TIMES BEFORE THE GREAT CONTAMINATION.
THE PEOPLE OF THE 20TH CENTURY STILL HAD FAITH IN THE SUPERNATURAL.
EVERLASTING RHETORICS ABOUT THE GOOD AND THE BAD... UNTIL THEY THEMSELVES FINALLY PUT AN END TO IT ALL.
IT STILL SEEMS TO BE IMPREGNATED WITH PEACE...
ALTHOUGH I HAVE THE FEELING I'M NOT ALONE.
Romero

DAMN ...! HOW COULD I BE SO STUPID ?
VINES DON'T RISE BY THEMSELVES ...! THIS IS A TRAP !!
MUTANTS !! ...AND IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE AFRAID OF FIRE OR... IS IT THE LIGHT THAT REPELS THEM ?
THEIR PUPILS LOOK WITHOUT SEEING ...? ARE THEY REALLY BLIND ?
THEY MOVE WITH SUCH PRECISION ! I HAVE TO ACT QUICKLY !!

GET BACK, FILTHY RATS! I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU I'M NOT EASY PREY!
VLANG!
UHG..!
Romero
MY HEAD... IT FEELS... LIKE IT'S GOING TO BURST...
...BUT... IS SOMEONE COMING...?

DON'T BE AFRAID... THEY'VE GIVEN ME THIS... SO YOU'LL RECOVER...
THEY...? AND YOU'RE NOT ONE OF THEM...?
Romero

YES, I'M A MUTANT BUT MY EYES STILL TOLERATE LIGHT!

WE LIVE UNDER-GROUND BECAUSE WE CAN'T BEAR THE SUN'S BRILLIANCE. THE ONES WHO ATTACKED YOU, BELONG TO A RELIGIOUS SECT.

THEY MOVE IN THE DARKNESS WITH THE SAME ASSURANCE THAT YOU DO IN BROAD DAY LIGHT.

THE PROCESS OF MY MUTATION WAS INTERRUPTED AND MY PUPILS WERE SAVED... MY MIND DOESN'T SEEM TO BE AFFECTED EITHER, I DON'T TAKE PART IN THEIR RITUALS.

TRY TO RECOVER, AND I'LL TRY TO HELP YOU WHEN THE TIME COMES.
UHG...! MY THROAT... I'M BURNING UP...!
ONLY EVIL REMAINS IN THIS DYING WORLD!
(I BELIEVED IN HIS WORDS AND HE'S MADE FUN OF ME...!)
CAUGHT IN A WHIRLWIND OF NIGHTMARES, AXA SINKS INTO UNCONSCIOUSNESS.

AXA COMES SLOWLY BACK TO REALITY...
A REALITY MUCH WORSE THAN HER NIGHTMARES! THROUGH A HAZY LIGHT SHE SEES THE EYES WITHOUT PUPILS LOOKING AT HER LEWDLY...

BACK...! DON'T YOU DARE TOUCH ME!
YOUR PERFECT BODY HURTS US BY REMINDING US OF HOW WE WOULD BE IF THE CONTAMINATION HADN'T AFFECTED US!
YOU'VE AROUSED THE CARNAL INSTINCTS WHICH WE'D ALMOST FORGOTTEN!
PHYSICAL BEAUTY HAS BEEN DENIED TO US... BUT PERHAPS WE CAN STILL GET IT BACK.
YOUR WOMB CAN'T PRODUCE A MUTANT...!
...AND THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO PROVE IT!

THANKS TO YOU, WE'LL BE ABLE TO CREATE A NEW AND BETTER RACE.

LET THE GOD WHO RULED HERE LONG AGO EXERCISE HIS POWER AT THE CULMINATION OF THIS ACT.!

THE ECHO OF THE MUTANT'S WORDS COULD STILL BE HEARD WHEN...

THIS LIGHT...!! I CAN'T SEE ANY THING!

A PILE OF DRY WOOD WAS BURNING, PRODUCING VIVID REFLECTIONS ON THE CRYSTAL ROCK.
(IS THIS FIRE ACCIDENTAL... OR IS IT CAUSED BY THE GOD THEY CONJURED UP ...?)
DAMNED MONSTROSITIES! DO YOU STILL INSIST ON CARRYING THROUGH WITH YOUR PLANS?
Romero
I'M GOING TO CUT OFF YOUR ONLY POSSIBILITY OF GETTING A NEW AND BETTER RACE!
IT'S THE MUTANT FROM THE CELL.
THIS WAY! WE HAVE TO ESCAPE WHILE ALL THIS IS BURNING!

WHY ARE YOU HELPING ME? I THOUGHT IT WAS YOU WHO DRUGGED THE WATER.
IT WAS THEM, AS ALWAYS. I DIDN'T PAY ATTENTION TO THEIR INTENTIONS BUT I WATCHED OVER YOU.
BUT... AND YOU ?
DON'T STOP NOW KEEP CLIMBING UP THIS CLEFT AND YOU'LL REACH THE OUTSIDE.
EVEN THOUGH MY EYES AREN'T AS DAMAGED, THEY COULDN'T STAND THE SOLAR RADIATIONS.
AAAAAAGH!!
RUN!! ONLY THE LIGHT CAN SAVE YOU...!
Romero

I CAN'T ABANDON THE ONLY GOOD BEING THAT I'VE FOUND IN THIS HELL !
AND YOU WANTED TO CREATE A BETTER RACE ...?
YOU HAVE SHOWED ME ...THAT EVERY THING IS NOT LOST... SAVE YOURSELF AND... TRANSMIT THE BEAUTY OF YOUR BODY TO OTHER BEINGS LIKE YOU... !
FLEE BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE !

I SHARE YOUR WISH FOR SURVIVAL, BUT NOT THE METHOD YOU TRY TO USE.
COULD IT BE POSSIBLE THAT AFTER THE ALMOST COMPLETE EXTERMINATION, WE HUMANS HAVEN'T LEARNED OUR LESSON ? WHERE MIGHT THE BORDER BETWEEN THE GOOD AND THE BAD BE ?
(IT'S CLEAR TO ME THAT CENTURIES AGO SOMEONE SACRIFICED THEIR LIFE TO SAVE US... AND WE HAVE DESTROYED OURSELVES.)

(ALTHOUGH ... IN SPITE OF THE DESOLATION WHICH SURROUNDS US, BEINGS WITH THE CAPACITY FOR SACRIFICE CONTINUE TO EXIST.)
A NEW LIGHT SHONE IN AXA'S MIND. THE MEN OF THE 20TH CENTURY HAD DEMOLISHED THE PLANET EARTH, BUT SHE HAD A PREMONITION EVERYTHING WAS NOT LOST YET !

AXA TREKS ON, ACROSS A RAVAGED LANDSCAPE...
TREES... DEAD, OF COURSE...
BUT I CAN USE THE WOOD TO LIGHT A FIRE...
KLANG!
NOT WOOD! STONE!
A PETRIFIED FOREST, TURNED TO STONE BY NUCLEAR HEAT!
NOW A STORM COMING... BUT I CAN SHELTER IN THIS CAVE...

ONE THING I'LL NEVER GET USED TO... SLEEPING ALONE...
AT DEAD OF NIGHT... A THUNDERSTORM SHAKES THE HILLS ...
KRAAH!
INSIDE THE CAVE ... A MOVEMENT IN THE DARKNESS CLOSE TO THE SLEEPING AXA ...
I'M NOT ALONE NOW... SOMEONE SLEEPING BESIDE ME ...
OH NO!

HE'S BEEN ASLEEP FOR A CENTURY ! A HUMAN SKELETON !
HE MUST HAVE CRAWLED IN HERE, WITH THE OTHERS, TO SHELTER HIMSELF FROM THE NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST...
BUT SOME THINGS SURVIVED...
FLOWERS FOR THE DEAD...
AND NOW LET'S FIND PEOPLE WHO ARE ALIVE !

THE SEA... AND A RUINED TOWN! COULD THERE BE LIVING PEOPLE IN IT?
Rogers
IT MUST HAVE BEEN A HOLIDAY RESORT, A HUNDRED YEARS AGO... FULL OF HAPPY FAMILIES...
BUT THE GAMES THEY PLAYED WERE DEADLY...
QUEER... I FEEL EYES ARE WATCHING ME... AND THAT SACKING IN THE CORNER TWITCHED...
I KNOW YOU'RE HIDING BEHIND THERE! CHILDREN, ARE YOU?

AXA
OH!
LIVING THINGS, ALL RIGHT... BUT DOGS!
GRAAW!
EITHER IT'S MAD... OR JUST WILD...
BUT IT'S NOT GOING TO EAT ME!
NO SIGN OF PEOPLE IN THE TOWN... SO THE ANIMAL MUST BE STARVING...

BUT WHAT'S THAT? MORE DOGS?
HOWWL!
YAAW!
GRUUH!
YES... SLINKING ACROSS THE BEACH... TOWARDS ME...
A PACK OF THEM! CLOSING IN FROM ALL SIDES! THE TOWN'S BEEN TAKEN OVER BY WILD DOGS!
I'VE GOT TO ESCAPE... BEFORE THEY TEAR ME TO PIECES...
YOWWL!
GRAAAH!

A LIGHTHOUSE ON THE CLIFF... I COULD TAKE REFUGE THERE...
BUT THE DOGS WILL DRAG ME DOWN BEFORE I REACH IT... UNLESS I CAN STOP THEM...
Robbery
YELP!
HOWWL!
I'VE GAINED A FEW SECONDS, ANYWAY... TIME TO GET INSIDE THE LIGHTHOUSE...
NO! THE DOOR'S LOCKED!

SO I'M GOING TO DIE... RIPPED TO PIECES BY RAZOR TEETH...
BUT I'LL DIE FIGHTING ... SWORD IN HAND...
GRAAAW!
KRAK!
YELLP!
HUH?
TOO MANY OF THE DEVILS... THE NEXT ONE HAS MY THROAT...
GRAAAH!
SHOTS? FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE? AM I SAVED?
KRAK!
PANG!

KRAK!
KRAK!
IF THERE'S ANYONE INSIDE THERE... LET ME IN!
AH!
YOWL!
YOU SAVED MY LIFE!
MY NAME'S MARIA...
AND WHO FIRED THOSE SHOTS?
MY FATHER... WE TOOK REFUGE HERE IN THE LIGHTHOUSE, WHEN THE WILD DOGS CAME...

AXA
GET BACK TO YOUR LAIRS IN THE TOWN, BRUTES ... YOU'LL GET NO HUMAN FLESH HERE ...
BUT I CAN'T BLAME THOSE DOGS ... FOR DESIRING SUCH FLESH ...
I'M AXA ...
SO LONG SINCE I MET A STRANGER ... AND SUCH A LOVELY ONE ...
AND I'M JAUME ! YOU'VE MET MY DAUGHTER ? FETCH SOME FOOD FOR OUR GUEST, MARIA !
FATHER !
Romero

THAT EVENING...
WE'VE BEEN TRAPPED HERE FOR MONTHS, MARIA AND I...
THE LAND'S OVERRUN BY THE WILD DOGS...AND THERE'S NO WAY OUT BY SEA...
SLEEP, AVA... FORGET YOUR TROUBLES...
BUT SLEEP BRINGS DREAMS ...OF FLESH-STARVED ANIMALS... AND LOVE-STARVED MEN...

HOW DID LIFE BRING YOU HERE, AXA... ALONE?
A LONG STORY...
I WAS BORN AND BRED IN A DOMED CITY... A LIFE PROTECTED AND PRIVILEGED, BUT I HATED IT...
I ESCAPED FROM THE DOME TO THE WORLD OF DIRT, SICKNESS, DEFORMITY...
A WORLD DEVASTATED BY THE NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST ... FULL OF MONSTERS AND MARVELS...
BUT SOMEWHERE IN THAT RUINED WORLD ARE THE SEEDS OF A NEW HOPE FOR MANKIND...
AND I MUST FIND THEM, NURTURE THEM...

SHALL WE FISH TODAY MARIA ?
A TRIP TO SEA ? OH YES !

ONE ACTIVITY THE WILD DOGS CAN'T STOP... AND OUR ONLY SOURCE OF FOOD...

WE CAN REACH THE SEA THROUGH THESE TUNNELS AND CAVES... HOLLOWED OUT IN THE SOLID ROCK OF THE HEADLAND...

HERE'S OUR BOAT, IN THE SEA CAVE...
BUT IT'S QUITE BIG AND STURDY...

WHY CAN'T WE SAIL ALONG THE COAST, AND ESCAPE FROM THE WILD DOGS THAT WAY ?
Romero

YOU'LL FIND OUT...
IN THE MIST AHEAD... SEE IT? WEED!
HELL! WE CAME TOO CLOSE!
AN UNDERWATER JUNGLE OF SEAWEED... STRETCHING ALL ALONG THIS COAST... GRAVEYARD OF SHIPS...
NUCLEAR WASTE MUST HAVE CONTAMINATED THE SEA... THIS IS GIANT WEED...

URG!
GROWS FAST, TOO...
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE, FATHER! BEFORE THE WEED TRAPS US, TOO!
IT'S CLUTCHING AT THE BOAT... LIKE A LIVING THING...
THERE ARE LIVING THINGS IN THE WEED JUNGLE, TOO... MUTANT MONSTERS...
OH NO! NOW HE TELLS ME!

AKA IS IN DANGER!
NOT YOUR CONCERN, FATHER! SHE CAN FIGHT FOR HERSELF!
A MUTANT NIGHTMARE FROM THE SEAWEED JUNGLE... A GIANT LOBSTER...
KLANG!
MY SWORD'S USELESS AGAINST THESE ARMOURED CLAWS...
OHH!

ONLY ONE WAY TO KILL THIS ARMOURED MONSTER ... A SWORD-THRUST BETWEEN THE EYES!
OH, AXA! I WAS AFRAID I'D LOST YOU!
AXA
NOW YOU KNOW WHY WE CAN'T ESCAPE BY SEA, AXA ...
AXA'S NOT HURT, FATHER ... DO YOU HAVE TO CARRY HER?
YOUR DAUGHTER COULDN'T BE JEALOUS OF ME, COULD SHE?
FORGET HER, AXA ...

AXA... I LOVE YOU...

Romero

AT DAWN...

MARIA...
I BROUGHT FATHER... AND YOU... SOME FOOD...

MARIA'S MOTHER DIED TWO YEARS AGO... I SUPPOSE IT'S NATURAL FOR HER TO RESENT YOU...

MARIA, LET ME TALK TO YOU...
THERE'S NOTHING TO SAY...

PLEASE... DON'T FLINCH AWAY FROM ME...
IT'S NOT THAT! LOOK!
DUST RISING IN THE RUINED TOWN!
AND STRANGE NOISES!
MEN ON MOTOR-BIKES! WITH RIFLES! SHOOTING UP THE WILD DOGS!
CRAK!
YOWL!
YOU'D BETTER LOCK AND BOLT THE LIGHTHOUSE DOOR, JAUME...
YOU DON'T TRUST THOSE MEN ON THE MOTOR-CYCLES, AXA?
NO... THE OLD PEOPLE HAD A NAME FOR THEM... HELL'S ANGELS...

YAHOO!
PASS THE BOTTLE!
COME HERE, GIRLIE!
I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN, AXA...
WHAT D'YA KNOW? THERE ARE PEOPLE IN THAT DERELICT LIGHTHOUSE ON THE HEADLAND!
AND NOT JUST PEOPLE... GIRLS!

HERE THEY COME...
DON'T WORRY, AXA... THE DOOR IS LOCKED...
LET US IN, OLD MAN!
NO WAY! YOU'RE NOT WELCOME HERE!
OH, MARIA! WHAT DID YOU LET HIM IN FOR?
SO I'M WELCOME TO SOMEONE, EH GIRLIE?
WHY SHOULD YOU AND FATHER HAVE ALL THE FUN?
THAT'S THE WAY I LIKE IT LITTLE GIRL... I ASSURE YOU THERE'LL BE FUN FOR EVERYONE... WE'RE GOING TO HOLD A BIG PARTY IN YOUR HONOR.
Romero

THAT NIGHT...
ROAST WILD DOG... BOOZE... MARIJUANA / WHAT'S NEXT ?
ACTION!
WAIT JUST A MINUTE...! DON'T YOU DARE TOUCH HER!
AND YOU'RE A HYPOCRITE, FATHER! YOU'VE BEEN MAKING LOVE TO AXA, HAVEN'T YOU ?
GOT IT, SLAG! TEACH THE KID A FEW TRICKS!
THIS HAS GONE FAR ENOUGH...!
NO JAUME! YOU DON'T STAND A CHANCE!

YOU WANT A FIGHT, OLD MAN? YOU'VE GOT ONE!
HERE'S YOUR CHAIN, SLAG!
DIE, YOU STUPID OLD FOOL!
KCH!
SLAP THE COLLAR ON HIM...!
GET RID OF HIM FAST SO WE CAN GET ON WITH THE PARTY...!
YOU'VE KILLED HIM! OH, FATHER, FORGIVE ME!
ASSASIN... I'M GOING TO...!
WE'LL HAVE TO TIE HER UP!
THIS IS A WILD CAT...

AS THE HUMAN BEINGS, THE ELEMENTS OF NATURE WERE UNLEASHING...
WE'VE GOT PROBLEMS, SLAG...
THEY CAN WAIT... NOW I'M BUSY.
COME HERE, BABY... I'LL DEMONSTRATE TO YOU THAT IT'S NOT SO SAD TO BE LEFT ALONE.
THE BABY IS ALL YOURS SLAG!
GIVE IT TO HER!
AAAAAH!
YOU'RE THE NEXT ONE, AXA...

ABUSING A DEFENSELESS GIRL! IS THIS YOUR IDEA OF PLEASURE!
SURE... BUT I HAVE OTHER WAYS OF ENJOYING MY SELF...
AXA
RODDEYS
... LIKE STRIPPING A GREAT BODY...
WHAT A GREAT MAN YOU ARE, RIGHT?! TO TAKE A GIRL, SHE FIRST HAS TO BE TIED AND POWERLESS!
DO YOU THINK I CAN'T HANDLE YOU? WELL, YOU'RE WRONG!
YOU'LL HAVE A GOOD TIME TOO...
YES, I'LL DO THAT...

HUH?
LIKE THIS...!
GAH!
AND LIKE THAT!
I'D LIKE TO EXTERMINATE ALL OF YOU, LIKE THE WILD DOGS THAT YOU ARE... BUT THERE'S NOT TIME!
BITCH! YOU'VE INJURED SLAG!
THAT'S WHAT I HOPE!
I'LL HAVE TO FINISH HER OFF MYSELF!
YOU SLAG...? SHE'S ALREADY TURNED YOU INTO A WOMAN!

I'LL GET HER, IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO!
A STORM...! THE WAVES ARE CRASHING AGAINST THE LIGHT HOUSE! BUT EVEN SO, IT'S STILL THE SAFEST PLACE...
MEANWHILE, ON THE BEACH...
HEY! LOOK!
IT'S THE END...!
AGH!

IN THE LIGHTHOUSE... TWO SURVIVORS...
I'M GONNA GET YOU DOLL...
I WON'T KILL YOU... NOT YET!
FIRST I HAVE TO MAKE YOU FEEL PLEASURE... EVEN THOUGH YOU WON'T LIVE LONG ENOUGH TO REMEMBER IT...
NO!
UHG!
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO ESCAPE...
IF THIS IS YOUR GAME, WE CAN BOTH PLAY!

THE STORM DRIVES THE WAVES CRASHING AGAINST THE STEEP WALL... AND THE WIND BLOWS WITH A HOMICIDAL RAGE...
AXA
AHH! I'M GOING TO END UP BEATING MYSELF TO DEATH... UNLESS I CAN GET INSIDE THE TOWER!
THIS LIGHTNING ROD... COULD BE HELPFUL.
DAMNED STORM! IT'LL END UP PLASTERING ME AGAINST THE WALL!
YOU CAN'T GET WAY FROM ME...!
KEEP COMING AFTER ME, BUT THE WIND WON'T LET YOU GET CLOSER...

I CAN'T GO ON... I FEEL FAINT / I HAVE TO HOLD ON TIGHT BEFORE...
SHE'S UNCONSCIOUS! NOW IS THE MOMENT TO TAKE THE WILD BEAST...
AHAAAC!
HOURS LATER. CALMNESS REIGNS ONCE AGAIN...

THE SUN...! THE STORM IS OVER AND I'M ALIVE!
ELECTROCUTED... BY A LIGHTNING BOLT SURELY...
THE STORM MUST HAVE FINISHED OFF THE OTHERS AS WELL...
THEY WERE HUMAN TRASH, IN ANY CASE... MORE EVIL THAN THE MUTANTS.
THEY FOUND PLEASURE IN RAPING... WHILE THE MUTANTS TRIED, IN THEIR OWN WAY, TO SAVE THEIR GENERATION...

BUT THERE EXISTS SOME-THING BETTER THAN HUMAN WICKEDNESS ...
THE FORCES OF NATURE WHICH NOT EVEN THE HOLOCAUST COULD OUT-DO.
PERHAPS ONE DAY, EVIL WILL BE ELIMINATED FROM THE WHOLE WORLD, LIKE THE SEA HAS DONE HERE.
MY INSTINCTS TELL ME TO KEEP GOING, AND I HAVE THE FEELING THERE'S STILL SOMETHING LEFT WORTH FIGHTING FOR.

THE END.

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THE YEAR IS 2080 . . .
REAL WORLD . . . OUTSIDE THE DOME . . .
THE DOOR'S UNLOCKED . . . OPEN!
UUH . . . OR WAS HE?
AND THERE IT IS!
A MISSION?
YOU'LL NEED THIS . . .
MY SWORD!
Romero

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